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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKIHIRO KIMURA, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/888,594

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: ELECTRON SOURCE
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APPARATUS

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.
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August 13, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The brief explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found in the accompanying English abstracts.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>GROUP ART UNIT</u> |
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| 09/788,411 | February 21, 2001 | 2812 |
| 09/153,883 | September 16, 1998 | 2879 |
| 09/797,570 | March 5, 2001 | 2879 |

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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